(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि खुले बाजार में चीनी की मांग में यह वृद्धि उसके मूल्य में वृद्धि का भी कारण बनेगी ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार की इस बारे में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) 45 प्रतिशत ।

(ग) से (ङ) मौसम के प्रारंभ में 1-10-92 को स्थिति के अनुसार लेवी चीनी का पिछला बचा स्टाक अधिक होने तथा मौसम के दौरान और उत्पादन होने की दृष्टि में, लेवी चीनी के आवंटनों की वर्तमान मात्रा को पूरा करने के लिये पर्याप्त मात्रा में लेवी चीनी उपलब्ध होगी । सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिये इस समय मुहैया की जा रही लेवी चीनी की मात्रा में कमी करने के बारे में कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है । अतः लेवी मुक्त बिक्री की चीनी के अनुपात में परिवर्तन करने के कारण खुले बाजार में चीनी की मांग में वृद्धि होने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Hike in Issue Prices of Foodgrains Distributed Through PDS

@@@1397. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenrment have recently raised the issue prices of food-grains distributed through PDS

(b) if so, the deails herof;

(c) what is manner in which the recent hike compaines with the increase made during last three years;

(d) what are the reasons for increase in those issue pric3s; and

(e) what are the details of the impact of rise of the issues prices on consumer subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KAT-P NATH RAI): (a) and (b): Yes, Sv. The Central issue prices ex-FCI godown) of rice and wheat for public distribution (PDS) have been increased W.e.f. 11th January, 1993 as under:—

(Rs. par quintal)

Commodity	Central issue price (ex-FCI godown)	
	From 28-12-91	From 11-1-93
Rice		
Common	377.00	437.00
Fine	437.00	497.00
Superfine	459.00	518.00
Wheat	280.00	330.00

@@ Previously Unstarred Question 691, transferred from 1st March, 1993

The Central issue prices (ex-FCI godwon) of rice and wheat for ITDP IRPDS continue to be Rs. 50j- per quintal less than for PDS. No increase has been made in the Central issue price (ex-FCI godown) of coar-segrains and it continues at Rs. 119l per quintal for PDS and at Rs. 149l-per quintal for ITDP/RPDS as fixed from 1st October, 1990.

(c): The increases made in the Central issue prices (ex-FCI godown) of price and wheat during 1990, 1991 aid 1993 were as follows:—

(Rs per quintal)

Effective from	Increase made		
	RICE		
	Common	Fine	Superfine
25-06-90	45.00	45.00	45.00
28-12-91	88.00	88.00	88.00
11-01-93	60.00	60.00	60.00
	WHEAT		
01-05-90	30.00		
28-12-91	46.00		
11-01-93	50.00		

(d) The Central issue prices (ex-FCI godown) of rice and wheat are increased from time to time to Par-tially absorb the increase in the procurement prices of paddy and wheat. The Central issue prices are far below the economic cost of foodgrains.

(e) After taking into effect the increase of the Central issue? prices of rice and wheat the consumer subsidies will be as under:—

(Rs per quintal)

	Wheat	Rice
1992-93	216.19	152.00
1993-94	229.06	149.04

Licensed Sugar Mills in Coopertivc Sector in UP

1398. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of licensed Sugar Mills inCooperative Sector in Uttar Pradesh is held up due to non-availability of funds from financial institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action is contemplated to be taken to make available loans to these factories on easy terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI